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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Transition Meeting at the White House on 12 November 1980

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1. This meeting was called by Jack Watson to introduce the outgoing transition team to the incoming one. At the head table were Meese, Casey, Ann Armstrong, McDonald, Watson, and Wellford. There were also present in addition to the outgoing team a number of members of Reagan team including Dick Allen and Martin Anderson.

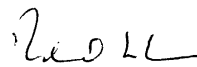
2. Watson opened the meeting with the usual courtesies. He mentioned three memoranda to heads of agencies that had been sent out by his office. We have only received one, but copies were distributed and are attached. He then turned the meeting over to Meese.

3. Meese replied with further courtesies, and then ran through the organization of the Reagan team. It is essentially as outlined in the papers, but he added that Allen and Anderson will be senior advisors for foreign and national security policy and domestic policy respectively.

4. Timmons, who heads the Executive Branch management group, then described his plans, again as suggested in the press. There will be four major "clusters" with that for national security matters headed by David Abshire. We were told that they hoped by tomorrow to announce the team leaders for each agency. He said a typical team might include a leader and officers for policy, programs, personnel, budget, and congressional relations.

5. Both Meese and Watson stressed the necessity for keeping dealings between the two Administrations in the established channels, i.e., between transition teams. Meese said that there were a number of people already purporting to talk for the Reagan Administration who had no right to do so. They also emphasized that the purpose of the Reagan teams is fact-finding, not policy-making. Watson added that it was important to surface problems candidly and quickly. He asked that we document the record to the transition and wants these records forwarded to his office for ultimate permanent storage somewhere in the Executive Branch. It was also stressed that the initiative for contacts lies with the Reagan side; we should wait to hear from our transition officer. The tone of the meeting was extremely friendly and cooperative.

6. Allen took me aside afterward and told me that our transition officer would be Silberman with Ray Cline and Dick Walters as "advisers." I asked him if they had any agenda for their meeting with the DCI on 13 November and he said they did not.



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Attachment

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